

The broadcast flag is a monumentally misguided rule. It will severely damage consumers' fair-use rights, affect the computer industry since TVs and computers are converging and damage innovation.

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You are either ignoring the facts or you have sold out. Either way, this is a terrible rule and a blatantly wrongheaded one as well.

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Also, if you would like to get more comments (no really, you REALLY mean it when you request comments from the public, right? right?), perhaps you could start behaving like the federal COMMUNICATIONS commission and

put a DAMN WEB FORM on your website for comments. All the information entered above could be completed in a single step from a web form, much faster and easier. This is after all the 21st century. On behalf of all other Internet citizens I would like to WELCOME YOU to the new communications medium.

Geez, no wonder you pass rules like this... You really don't have a clue what you're messing with... You can't even COMMUNICATE with your own constituents, the citizens effectively. How can we be expected to take you seriously? Oh right, I forgot, you don't care what we think...